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CLIB - Second Release March 2003

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The second release of **CLIB 2001: Census @Your Library** has been brought forward to 25 March 2003. This updated version will contain more Census data - more tables in the Basic Community Profile and Indigenous Profile, Classification Counts for all second release variables as well as the Time Series Profile (data from the last three Censuses). It also includes a wider range of geographic areas to choose from, such as Urban Centres and Localities, Remoteness Areas and Statistical Districts. The CLIB Product Brief has more information about CLIB 2001.

Following feedback from librarians and LEP staff, Census have included a number of enhancements in Release 2.

Additional reference material, such as Statistical Geography Volumes 2 and 3 and updated Frequently Asked Questions have also been included.

As with CLIB 2001 Release 1, the second release will be posted to your library. Users of CLIB on the Web will not need to take any action as all updates will appear on the Web from 25 March.

The final release of CLIB 2001 is due in September 2003, and will also include the Usual Residents, Working Population and Expanded Community Profiles.

More Census Publications

More Census Publications on the way

More data on the population and housing characteristics of Australia collected in the 2001 Census, will be released soon in mid-February and mid-March 2003. They will be distributed to all LEP libraries either electronically or in print.

Libraries are always keen to get information their local areas and these two sets of publications should be of great interest to your clients.

The **Selected Education and Labour Force Characteristics** (cat. no. 2017.0-.8) publications contain 2001 Census population counts and selected Education and Labour Force characteristics for Statistical Local Areas within each State and Territory. Commentary is provided, including a State or Territory summary, regional comparisons for selected topics, time series comparisons and ranked tables. The second release Basic Community Profile (BCP) is also included, along with reference maps.

The **Selected Characteristics for Urban Centres and Localities** series (cat. no. 2016.0-.7) includes a combination of first and second release Census data, presented using the Urban Centre/Locality and Section of State geographic structures for each State and Territory. Once again, commentary is provided, along with time series comparisons and reference maps.

LEP in Broome

LEP in action - Broome

WA LEP Coordinator David Brown reports

"The sheer size of WA has been driven home to me. While I have visited most of our member Libraries within the Geraldton, Kalgoorlie and Albany triangle, I have never been to the real north.

Just before Christmas I travelled to Broome to train librarians at Broome Public Library and Broome Campus of Notre Dame University in CLIB 2001 and other ABS services.

Broome is some 2,500 kilometres by road from Perth but only 1,100 by air. During the near

three hour flight I thought of the reaction of some English friends who are constantly amazed by the distances we travel for work. An equivalent distance from London would mean a trip to Copenhagen, Madrid, Prague or Vienna, something my friends could only dream about.

Landing in Broome was a culture shock and I immediately revised my idea of casual wear by discarding my tie.

My first visit in Broome was to the Public Library where the air conditioning and Stefan Jordanoff and his team made me very welcome. I have been dealing with Stefan and Campbell Creswick from the Shire of Broome concerning eLEP connection, and it was a pleasure to finally meet them in person. I presented a training session on CLIB 2001 and we discussed eLEP. During my visit Bruce Rollerson from the Broome Advertiser dropped in for an interview and took the picture which later appeared in the Broome Advertiser.

My second visit was to the Broome Campus of Notre Dame University. The Library is situated in lush tropical grounds full of native wildlife and I narrowly avoided stepping on an unidentified lizard some half metre long basking in the heat. Again the air conditioning in the Library was a welcome relief. Campus Librarian Bronwyn Mathieson had been instrumental in my visiting Broome and it was a pleasure to meet her and her staff. I presented another CLIB 2001 training session and we discussed a wide range of ABS topics.

While in Broome I did the obligatory tourist things including a camel ride at Cable Beach and a visit to the Crocodile Farm where I turned down the opportunity to conduct a Crocodile census.

While the trip was relatively short I saw enough of Broome and the north to want to visit again as a tourist."

New NT LEP Coordinator

New NT Coordinator - Lee Magnusson

Lee Magnusson is now the NT LEP Coordinator for the Northern Territory. She writes:

"I am currently working in the Client Services Branch in Darwin after returning from 12 months maternity leave. My duties in the Branch are coordinating the NT Library Extension Program, consultancies for external clients, extracting data for a yearly ABS publication **NT at a Glance** and backup for the Bookshop. I am becoming very familiar with all aspects of the LEP to be able to assist and support the NT Libraries.

I have been with the NT Office of ABS for 10 years and before joining the Client Services Branch I worked in various areas of the ABS.

Before joining the ABS I worked in Canberra at the National Library and with various private organisations as an Administrative Officer. I moved to Darwin in 1991 and worked first with the Australian Archives.

I am looking forward to working and meeting with the NT Libraries in the coming months."

LEP Training in Victoria

LEP Training in Victoria - Librarians keen

Since last September Helen Leary, LEP Coordinator Victoria, has given 43 training sessions to almost 400 library staff. She reports:

"Whilst the majority of training has been in and around Melbourne, I've also had the pleasure of visiting many rural communities and enjoying the magnificent hospitality at these country libraries (as well as putting on a few extra kilos!). I have travelled as far as Mildura to the north-west, Wodonga in the north-east and west to Warrnambool, and been fortunate to meet up with many wonderful people. If you would like training and haven't yet scheduled a session then please contact me.

The most pleasing aspect about CLIB is that those library staff already experienced in accessing census data through CLIB have been delighted at the simplicity of the latest version. First time users have also commented on how user friendly it is, expressing confidence in being able to navigate around the product and comfortable that they will be able to use CLIB to satisfy the information needs of their clients. I am continually overwhelmed at the amount of interest shown by library communities in the ABS, the LEP program and census information."

Here is what some of Helen's happy CLIB trainees had to say:

Geelong Libraries - "Thanks for your fantastically clear and useful presentation on CLIB 2001 and congratulations on a great product for public libraries."

University of Ballarat - "Thanks for all your efforts to come to Ballarat and train the local people in the one spot. The training was well received and we at the university have been using the disc and online versions of CLIB 2001 already, so that is good. I look forward to future dealings."

Upper Murray Libraries - "I found the training very instructive (not just on CLIB but also on eLEP and the Website) and I've had lots of positive feedback. I'm looking forward now to getting stuck into some stats!!"

Mornington Peninsula Libraries - "We all were very grateful to you for coming and running the excellent training sessions. The response from the participating staff was very good; they all plan on getting their hands on CLIB. I will contact you to organise some extra training. A few librarians missed out on this first round. Also the rest of us will have a good chance to refresh the skills as we are now busy using CLIB."

Victorian LEP librarians may contact Helen Leary at helen.leary@abs.gov.au to arrange CLIB training.

Changes to Census Update

Census Update on the Web!

See Issue 28 of Census Update for important changes to its format.

Finding Census Data on the Web

Finding census data on the Web using ABS Internet maps

Using the **census maps** on the ABS Website is one simple way to help you find the Census information. To find what you are after using the **maps** follow these simple steps -

- Open the Australian Bureau of Statistics home page www.abs.gov.au
- Click on the **Census** link. This appears as a text link on the ABS home page. (You can also click on the hypergraphic Census logo on the home page)
- Click on **Free Data - 2001 Census**
- Click on **Main Area (Locations) by Map**

- This opens a map of Australia. To use the map you need freeware called svg viewer to be installed. If it is not installed, or an older version of the viewer is detected, the user is taken to the Adobe site and offered a free download. This is a very simple process.

- Once installed the viewer helps you to navigate to the geographic area you are interested in. Try running the mouse across the map to highlight different areas - the name of that area will be displayed above the map. Links below this information offer free data downloads and text based Census Snapshots. There is clear information about what is free data and what is costed data.

- As an example, click on **Victoria** and then click on the north east area of the state. Drill down through **Ovens-Murray** to **Wodonga** and then **Indigo (S) -Part A**. Then click on the **View Indigo (S) - Part A Snapshot** link.

- A new page opens. This offers first a zipped file (.zip) containing the 'Basic Community Profile' and is followed by links to text covering a whole range of interesting census topics.

- The zipped file requires WinZip or equivalent software for de-compression. This is freely available and very commonly used software. The file itself is a spreadsheet so is opened in Excel or any other spreadsheet application.

From the Editor

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Since the release of CLIB 2001 on 15 October 2002, the LEP Coordinators have been just about permanently "working out of the office" and they wouldn't have it any other way! Libraries have been enthusiastic about the ABS training visits from their Coordinator and in this issue we have some great stories from LEP libraries around the country!

Mt Isa Libraries have given us a great profile of their library service and, like the librarians in Cairns, Broome and librarians all over Victoria, they have discovered how much wonderful

information is available in CLIB 2001 and on the ABS Website.

LEP training will really help you help your clients to make the make best use of ABS information. Our CLIB 2001 and Website training has been very popular. Over 2000 librarians have been trained since last July! Some folk feel that the ABS is "just about numbers" - we offer so much more - though I have to say that we do offer a lot of very interesting and useful numbers!

The next few months are to be important for the LEP - we are planning the Second Release of CLIB 2001 and look forward to releases of the latest census publications. LEP libraries will automatically receive all of these in the coming months.

Kim Farley-Larmour
National Manager, Library Extension Program

NetNews

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I hope that you all had a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. I had a good break in New Zealand, visiting friends and family - although two weeks is never enough. 2002 was a good year with a lot accomplished and I thank my team for that - 2003 looks as if it will be just as busy with a stronger focus on Website useability, continued improvement of services along with some innovative developments planned. Something to look forward to!

As I reported in the last LEP Newsletter an enhanced AusStats design was released on 19th November. This design underpins the Website, so many of the enhancements affect the Web. All the design changes are based on user feedback.

They include:

- Changing the term 'Companion Data' to 'Data Cubes'
- Separating Basic Community Profiles (BCPs) by the type of geographic classification
- Changing Document Type for Census 1996 BCPs to include the year '1996'
- Ensuring that the Census maps correctly link to the Census Snapshots
- Providing links to related views of the same content

The changes were timed to coincide with the second release of Census data. This provided more detailed information in the form of Basic Community Profiles, Indigenous Profiles, Census Snapshots and Classification Counts. Further information can be found at www.abs.gov.au/census.

In December, the ABS put up Excel-format time series spreadsheets on the ABS Website for user evaluation and comment. The new format is designed to alleviate many of the problems with the existing AusStats spreadsheets. Key improvements include: time as rows, rather than columns; Excel format, rather than WKS format; adding relevant metadata; and links to the ABS Website. The feedback to date has been positive and it is expected that the new format outputs will be in production by March 2003.

Work has been progressing on finding a new Search Engine for the ABS Website. The results of the pilot have been very encouraging and an implementation plan is being developed - targeted for April 2003.

On Friday 24th January, Year Book Australia 2003 was launched. As with previous years, the Year Book content is freely available within **Australia Now** on the ABS Website. The Year Book Australia 2002 contents within **Australia Now** attracted 3.8 million hits for the year. The Year Book is distributed in hardcopy, CD-ROM and on the Web.

As usual if you have any questions or comments, please feel free to email gary.dunnet@abs.gov.au.

eLEP and CLIB in the Outback - Mt Isa

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"The staff and patrons at the Mount Isa City Library have found the eLEP service to be a fantastic resource for public libraries, especially for those in remote locations. It is wonderful to see that more and more information is becoming free on the Web, as for many people in these remote areas, the Net is one of the few ways they have of keeping up with the rest of the country.

The library staff have found that since the ABS visit to Mount Isa in November, more patrons are asking about the information and are accessing the data via CLIB. A Statistics Brochure has been developed within the library for patrons and it briefly explains how ABS information can be accessed in the library.

Staff have had a lot of enquiries regarding statistics, the most popular by far would be Mount Isa census data. Also popular are requests about the Aboriginal population and occupations around the district, drugs, child care and disabilities.

Staff have found that the new CLIB is by far more user friendly than CLIB 96.

The recent training visit by Judy Tayt, Queensland LEP Coordinator, was greatly appreciated by the Mount Isa City Library staff. We found Judy to be friendly and very knowledgeable and it was extremely important for us to know that those of us in remote locations who have no chance of attending coastal training are not forgotten. From the training, we are more confident and able to assist patrons and promote the service.

As part of the promotions for the ABS training visit, there was a display set up in the library. Library staff also manned a display stand in the local shopping centre. It was in a very visual position and a lot of people saw it. It was a good exercise and will assist us in other promotions in the future. The coverage of the visit provided by the local newspaper was fantastic. The community became aware of the service and enquiries at the library about the service have increased, due to the articles in the local paper.

In summary, the staff at the Mount Isa City Library are now much more confident in using and assisting patrons with the service provided by ABS. The hands-on training provided by Judy was greatly appreciated and we welcome Judy back to the Isa any time in the future."

The LEP and Mt Isa City Library

Situated approximately 900 kms west of Townsville (which to locals is a short drive) and about 1900 kms north west of Brisbane border, Mount Isa City covers an area of over 41,000 square kilometres making it geographically the largest city in the world. Mount Isa conjures up images of dry, dusty plains, no water, very little green vegetation and hard-working, hard-playing people. And of course, who can forget the image of Mount Isa Mines?

The Mount Isa City Library is one of the surprise packages of the City. It was built in the 1970s and is an attractive building, boasting 3 levels.

The children's library is a mecca for the local children. The bright colours, animal floor cushions, large range of books and of course, the Toy Library, is a huge drawcard for kids.

For the adults, there is the Internet, magazine lounge and for the students, the quiet study area. There is a very large database of material to select from and all are available for perusal on the OPACs. Daily newspapers are also available for reading.

The Library staff work hard to promote the Library. With several promotions each year, it is consistent challenge to attract new members and please current ones. The patrons come from all walks of life. Being a popular tourist destination, the Library sees a large number of these tourists, who wish to escape the heat, and use the Internet to email friends and family.

The Library provides services such as a Country Borrower service, home deliveries and visits to the aged care home. With seven full-time employees, and three casual employees, clients are guaranteed the quality of service they would normally expect in larger cities.

The Mount Isa City Library is a wonderful place to stop and visit while you are in the city. Next time Mount Isa is on your list of 'must-see places', don't forget to pop into the Library. You will be pleasantly surprised.

Selena Seng
Mount Isa City Library

2003 Year Book Australia

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The Year Book Australia is the ABS' most popular title. So popular that it is 'all hands on deck' to despatch the huge number of copies around Australia and overseas. One reason for its popularity is its coverage of just about every aspect of Australian life.

2003 has been designated as the International Year of Fresh Water - and water and the environment are covered in many special articles in the new Year Book. The cover picture features the river Murray and a special article deals with Australia's rivers and includes a bibliography of recent references.

Libraries love the Year Book because it is both a one stop shop for many useful statistics and also because its extensive references allow readers to follow up their area of interest in more detail in other ABS publications.

Your library's copy is in the mail now.

The full text of Year Book Australia appears on the Australia Now pages of the ABS Website.

CDATA Bulk Discount for TAFEs

ABS/TDA CDATA 2001 - bulk discount offer for TAFEs

The TAFE Directors Australia (TDA) are coordinating the bulk sale of CDATA 2001 to the TAFE sector. ABS and TDA believe that CDATA 2001 has the capacity to significantly enhance the research, teaching and strategic planning capabilities of staff and students of TAFE Institutions, and the ABS has arranged for a unique multi-license offer, at a significant discount for the sector.

The CDATA Product Brief gives information about CDATA.

For information on the offer visit www.tda.edu.au/cdata/index.htm or contact Kris Newton at TDA on kris.newton@tda.edu.au or (02) 6281 0180.

New Look for LEP Libraries Directory

New look for LEP libraries Web directory

A new look comes to the directory of LEP libraries on the ABS Website. Your library's record in the directory now shows whether you subscribe to the eLEP service or to AusStats, or that you continue to receive the Core List titles. Core List titles are listed for those libraries who receive them as are the Flagship List titles for libraries on eLEP or AusStats.

The directory now reflects much more accurately what ABS materials your library holds.

Look at your library's new look entry on the LEP home page pages now.

Latest Social Atlases Available

Latest Social Atlases available - Canberra, Darwin & Palmerston, Melbourne

The popular Social Atlas series has been released for the 2001 Census. If you need statistics about your capital city and prefer information to be presented on maps rather than in tables, the 2001 Social Atlases are the answer!

The Atlases for Canberra, Darwin & Palmerston and Melbourne were released in February

2003. The Social Atlases for Perth, Sydney and Hobart were released late last year. All LEP libraries receive a free copy of the Social Atlas for the capital city in their own State or Territory.

The maps in each Atlas present, at a glance, a picture of the key social, demographic and economic characteristics of the urban centres of each capital city. Nice and easy to interpret, the maps show the distribution of the data in different colours or shadings. With informative commentary highlighting the main features of each map, the Social Atlases make very interesting reading.

LEP in Action - Qld

LEP in action - Queensland

Judy Tayt, the Queensland LEP Coordinator, has clocked up close to 10,000 kilometres in the air, in order to visit the LEP member libraries located north of Bundaberg. She reports-

"It's been a wonderful experience visiting all the libraries, meeting up with people that I've only had the opportunity to speak with by phone or communicate via email. The libraries are the hub of many communities. Many libraries had lists of questions that library patrons had asked since hearing about the release of the new Census data. I was able to tailor the training exercises and maximise the learning experience of navigating CLIB and the ABS Website.

It was so diverse", Judy responded when asked to capture the essence of her experiences. "Their questions can range from a new community-based newspaper wanting to understand the languages spoken by readers in a city, to real estate investors looking for information about people living in the Sydney suburbs, to local sporting groups needing population figures for a submission to build a new sports club.

The value of the face-to-face LEP visits is certainly highlighted in these situations. You really feel that you are leaving the library staff with some valuable skills for the future."

When quizzed about the logistics of travelling to the far corners of the state, Judy offered: "It's quite a challenge to bring together the people, the equipment, the location and the time for the training. However the benefits have far outstripped the logistical management side of things. All of the training sessions have been welcome additions to the library staff's already busy timetables.

I've also enjoyed the sightseeing side of the LEP role. I will never forget the sunset in Mt Isa - it was just fantastic, such an intense dark red. I was sitting next to a long-time resident of Mt Isa and when I saw the sunset I jumped out of my seat saying "Wow, did you see that sunset, that's amazing!" only to see a quizzical look on his face wondering what all the fuss was about."

Judy has had many offers from colleagues to swap jobs, however they don't have a chance in the immediate future. "I've the best job in the Queensland office and loving every minute of it!"

New Labour Force Publication

Labour Force Survey changes - new labour market quarterly

The monthly Labour Force Survey is one of the most important ABS data collections. In late 2000 the ABS commenced a review of the range of products released from the Labour Force Survey. The review's recommendations will be implemented in the first half of 2003.

The review changes will affect all existing Labour Force Survey products. Several will be discontinued and others changed.

A new quarterly publication **Australian Labour Market Statistics** (cat. no. 6105.0) will be first released in April. This title is in eLEP and AusStats and on the Core List. It will contain data from all ABS labour surveys, providing a comprehensive view of the labour market. It will also provide information about the statistics as well as analysis of issues of interest.

More data will also be available electronically, and there will be only one monthly printed publication. All data currently available will continue to be available in some form at the current frequency and timing.

For all the details see the Information Paper Changes to Labour Force Survey Products (cat. no. 6297.0).

New eLEP Subscribers

New eLEP subscribers

These libraries are some of the latest to subscribe to the free eLEP service. eLEP provides the full text of all ABS publications since 1998 from the ABS Website.

City of Bayswater (WA)	Gladstone (Qld)	Bordertown (SA)
Whitsunday Shire (Qld)	Palmerston (NT)	Ceduna (SA)
Mackay (Qld)	Rockdale (NSW)	Busselton (WA)
Cooloola (Qld)	Keith (SA)	Gosford (NSW)
Hinchinbrook (Qld)	Berri (SA)	Barmera (SA)

Re-issue of Indigenous Classification ROM

Re-issue of Indigenous Geographical Classification Maps and Census Profiles

Have you requested a free copy for your library? Email library@abs.gov.au If you have a copy of the first issue you will automatically receive the re-issue.

About this release

The Library Extension Program Newsletter is distributed to LEP libraries to keep libraries up to date on the program, provide a forum for two-way communication between the ABS and LEP libraries, offer advice on management of LEP collections, and promote ABS products and services.

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